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IDWR Hires Former Reporter As New Public Information Officer

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Michael Keckler, a long time Idaho television reporter, is the Idaho Department of Water Resource's new public information officer, Director Karl Dreher announced Thursday.

Keckler comes to the Department from Idaho Fish and Game where he has worked part time since early June. Monday, August 13, will be his first full day on the job. He replaces Dick Larsen who is retiring after 12 years as the Department's official spokesman.

Last spring, Keckler left KBCI-TV Ch 2 in Boise, ending a 23-year broadcasting career that started at a small radio station in his hometown of Pocatello, shortly after graduating from high school. As a journalist, Keckler lived in, and worked all over Idaho. In the late 1980's he covered Eastern Idaho for KPVI-TV Ch 6. In the mid 1990's, he was the North Idaho bureau chief for KXLY-TV Ch 4 in Spokane.

Keckler is a recipient of two national investigative reporting awards, the Alfred I. duPont Award from Columbia University and the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television News Directors Association. He is also a three-time Emmy Award winner who has been recognized several times by the Idaho Press Club and the Idaho State Broadcasters Association.

Keckler holds a BA in Mass Communications from Idaho State University. He is married and has two children.

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